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PROGRAM PROJECT #493-0299

DEPARTMENT FOR S/NM

1. THE OPERATIONAL PHASE OF THE BANGKOK HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NARCOTIC TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM COMMENCED ON JUNE 9, 1978 AT THE LUMPINI HEALTH CLINIC, #16.
2. THOUGH OPENING NOT GIVEN ADVANCE PUBLICITY IN ORDER ALLOW PROGRAM PERSONNEL TIME TO SMOOTH OUT PROCEDURES, SUFFICIENT NUMBER ADDICTS AVAILABLE TO ALLOW PROGRAM TO FUNCTION SUCCESSFULLY. FORMAL OPENING PLANNED IN JULY AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY.
3. AFTER OPERATING TWO (2) WEEKS, THE CLINIC HAS FIFTY-TWO (52) PATIENTS, TWENTY (20) RECEIVED DURING THE FIRST WEEK. AND TWENTY-TWO (22) DURING THE SECOND WEEK.
4. METHADONE AND OTHER CHEMICALS ARE EITHER BEING BORROWED OR PURCHASED FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNTIL SUPPLIES FROM USG ARRIVE. OBTAINING OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR US SUPPLIER TO SHIP NARCOTICS IS UNDERWAY.
5. BMHD PLANS TO PROVIDE THE ADDICT TREATMENT CAPABILITY

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AT TWO (2) ADDITIONAL HEALTH CENTERS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROJECT AGREEMENT, IN JULY, FOLLOWING TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN LAST WEEK OF JUNE AND FIRST WEEK OF JULY.

6. THE PROJECT OFFICER IS PREPARING TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM AND WILL SUBMIT AN INITIAL REPORT SOON AND THEREAFTER ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS.

7. PROCEDURES FOR SAFEGUARDING NARCOTICS AND PREVENTING DIVERSION ARE ALREADY ESTABLISHED. UPON RECEIPT OF ENGLISH VERSION THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO S/NM.

8. AS A RESULT OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S OBSERVATION TOUR, TWO PROBLEMS SURFACED. THE FIRST HAS TO DO WITH THE PERIOD OF TREATMENT AND THE SECOND HAS TO DO WITH THE DOSAGE OF METHADONE TO BE USED.

9. THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, BASED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED ON HIS TOUR AND FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH PERSONS HAVING TREATMENT EXPERIENCE HERE IN THAILAND, CONCLUDED THAT THE TREATMENT PERIOD AND DOSAGE BASED UPON AN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT EVALUATION MORE THAN LIKELY MUST BE INCREASED.

10. HE UNDERSTANDS THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REMIFICATIONS OF THE INCREASED TREATMENT PERIOD AND DOSAGE AND WILL SEEK ONCB/DTEC AND SMALL AMOUNT OF USG ASSISTANCE.

11. PREPARATORY TO MODIFYING THE PROJECT AND PROCEDURES, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND TAI PROJECT OFFICER HAVE WORKED OUT WITH THE THAI ADVISORY BOARD A SMALL RESEARCH PROJECT TO DETERMINE DOSAGE AND TREATMENT PERIOD. THE RESEARCH IS TAKING PLACE AT THE LUMPINI HEALTH CENTER UTILIZING UNCLASSIFIED

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PATIENTS NOW BEING TREATED.
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